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FTR - SB392

Senator Joseph Crisco
Representative Steve Fontana
Co-Chairs, Insurance and Real Estate Committee
Connecticut General Assembly
Room 2800, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106
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March 8, 2010

RE: SB 392 - AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
ACUPUNCTURE TREATMENTS PROVIDED BY CHIROPRACTORS AND THE
MINIMUM PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE CARRIED BY
CHIROPRACTORS.

Dear Senator Crisco and Representative Fontana,

I am a licensed acupuncturist and herbalist and have been practicing in West Hartford, CT since 2002. I would like to request you to vote down and end the advancement of SB 392.

In order to become a licensed acupuncturist in the state of Connecticut, I had to meet minimum requirements in education and training. These included a minimum 1,350 hours in acupuncture education, 500 of which were in supervised clinical practice (I had over 2,700 hours in training), along with passing a national certification exam demonstrating competency. By contrast, there are no minimum standards required in education, examination or certification for chiropractors performing acupuncture.

I am deeply concerned that if this bill passes it will have a negative impact on the quality of care that patients seeking acupuncture will receive. If chiropractors have mandated insurance coverage, patients will be encouraged for fiscal reasons to seek care from non-qualified providers. This is not in the best interests of the patient, or the acupuncture profession.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my concerns about this bill. - I will be in contact with you again. I may be reached at 860-523-9424 or by email at quan_yin_arts@sbeglobal.net.

Sincerely,



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**CC Representative Andrew Fleischmann
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